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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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December 28, 2005

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have enclosed two originals of the document described below, to be recorded pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11301.

The document is a Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement, a secondary document, dated as of December 28, 2005. The primary document to which this is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 26055. We request that one copy of this document be recorded under Recordation No. 26055-A.

The names and addresses of the parties to the Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement are:

Assignor:

National City Commercial Capital Corporation
2720 Sugarloaf Club Drive
Duluth, GA 30097

Assignee:

Sovereign Bank
75 State Street
Boston, MA 02109

A description of the equipment covered by the Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement consists of 50 5,150 cubic foot covered hopper cars numbered DME 51612-51661, inclusive.

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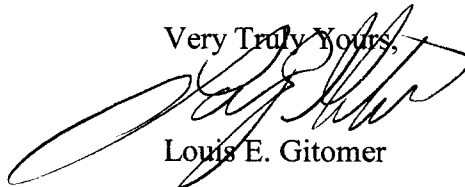
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A fee of \$ 33.00 is enclosed. Please return one original to:

Louis E. Gitomer
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1455 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows: a Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement between National City Commercial Capital Corporation, 2720 Sugarloaf Club Drive, Duluth, GA 30097, and Sovereign Bank, 75 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, covering 50 5,150 cubic foot covered hopper cars numbered DME 51612-51661, inclusive.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Gitomer', is written over the typed name.

Louis E. Gitomer

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement is dated as of December 28, 2005 by and between NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL CAPITAL CORPORATION, as "Assignor", and SOVEREIGN BANK, as "Assignee".

WITNESSETH:

1. Assignor, as lessor, entered into a Lease Agreement with Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation ("DM&E"), as lessee, to lease the railroad equipment specified in the Attachment hereto (the "Equipment"), which was evidenced by a Memorandum of Lease Agreement dated as of December 23, 2005 (the "Lease"), which was recorded at the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") on December 23, 2005 under Recordation Number 26055.

2. In consideration of the premises and the agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor is, effective as of the date hereof: (a) assigning to Assignee, all rights, title, interests, and obligations of Assignor in, under and to the Lease, and Assignee is accepting all of the same, in each such case to the extent attributable to the period commencing on and continuing after the consummation of such assignment and acceptance on December 28, 2005 at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time; and (b) selling the Equipment to Assignee, and Assignee shall be the owner of the Equipment and Assignor shall have no interest or authority of any nature regarding the Equipment. Assignor is not transferring, and Assignee is not assuming, any obligations or liabilities of Assignor under or in any way related to the Lease.

3. This Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which when taken together shall constitute one agreement binding on all parties, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer as of the date first written above.

NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL
CAPITAL CORPORATION
as Assignor

By: William Dargie
Name: William Dargie
Title: SVP

SOVEREIGN BANK
as Assignee

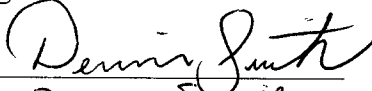
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer as of the date first written above.

NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL
CAPITAL CORPORATION
as Assignor

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

SOVEREIGN BANK
as Assignee

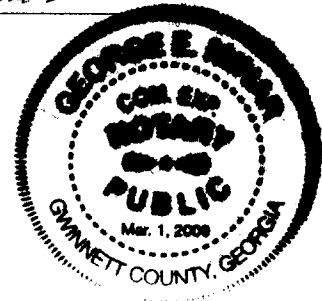
By: 
Name: Dennis Smith
Title: VP

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF GWINNETT)

On this 27 day of December, 2005, before me personally appeared William Daxio, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the SVP, of National City Commercial Capital Corporation that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability corporation, and he acknowledged that the execution of the said instrument was his free act and deed.

My commission expires: 3-1-09

George E. Mann
NOTARY PUBLIC



STATE OF _____)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of December 2005, before me personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the _____, of Sovereign Bank that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation, and he acknowledged that the execution of the said instrument was his free act and deed.

My commission expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF GWINNETT)

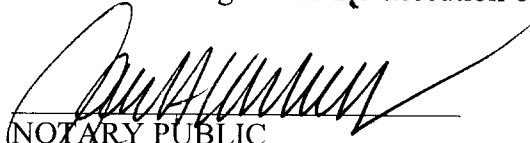
On this ____ day of December, 2005, before me personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the _____, of National City Commercial Capital Corporation that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability corporation, and he acknowledged that the execution of the said instrument was his free act and deed.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

STATE OF MA)
) ss
COUNTY OF Suffolk)

On this 27th day of December 2005, before me personally appeared Dennis Smith, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Vice President, of Sovereign Bank that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation, and he acknowledged that the execution of the said instrument was his free act and deed.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

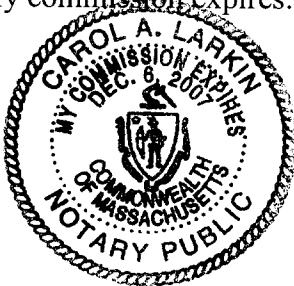


EXHIBIT NO. 1
TO MEMORANDUM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF RAILCARS AND REPORTING MARKS

Fifty (50) 5,150 cubic foot through sill grain hopper cars with 110 ton trucks, manufactured by National Steel Car Limited in 2005 and bearing marks and numbers in series:

DME 51612 - 51661 (inclusive)